# **REC Weekly Bulletin (26 January 2024)**

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### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Keep up to date with REC meetings and events with these dates for your diary:

- 30 January 2024 Introduction to the REC Data Specification Session (<u>Register here</u>)
- 30 January 2024 Performance Assurance Board
- 31 January 2024 Technical Expert Panel
- 01 February 2024 Change of Tenancy Change Proposal (R0155) Working Group Overview for TPIs (Email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk)
- 06 February 2024 REC Change Panel
- 07 February 2024 February Release Drop-in Session (<u>Register here</u>)
- 09 February 2024 REC Issues Group
- 14 February 2024 Metering Expert Panel
- 28 February 2024 RECCo's 2024-25 Budget Breakdown Webinar (Register here)

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### **New Podcast**

The Code Manager has released its latest podcast. In this episode Paul Rocke is joined by Samantha Briggs, Caroline Freimuller and Harriet Truss to provide an overview of some of the key Change Proposals that the REC Change Team is working on, spotlighting two examples of changes that will have significant benefits for consumers. To access this episode and the transcript, click here.

### **Change of Tenancy Change Proposal (R0155) Working Group**

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R0155 has been raised by RECCo with the intention of reviewing the non-domestic Change of Tenancy process, including Change of Supplier with a Change of Tenancy. The review has no set solution and is looking for input from Suppliers, Third Party Intermediaries (TPIs) and Consumers through a working group and the REC Change Process.

On 25 January 2024, the Code Manager met with Suppliers to introduce the Code Manager's plan for the next stages working group activity, including how the working group will be established and members appointed.

On 01 February 2024 (14:00 - 16:00), the Code Manager will meet with TPIs to provide the same overview. TPIs are invited to sign up to attend this online session by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk before 31 January 2024.

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# Introduction to REC Data Specification Session

The REC Code Manager is hosting an Introduction to the REC Data Specification on **30 January 2024** (10:00-11:00). If you are new to the REC or would like further training on the Data Specification, please join us to learn about the REC Data Specification. To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click <a href="mailto:here">here</a> or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk">enquiries@recmanager.co.uk</a>.

### **February Release Drop-in Session**

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The REC Code Manager is hosting a February Release Drop-in Session on **07 February 2024** (14:00-14:30) to provide an overview of the planned changes within the scope the February Release taking place on 23 February 2024. The session will provide information on the impacts of the changes and provide you with an opportunity ask your questions direct to the Code Manager.

To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click <a href="mailto:here">here</a> or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk">enquiries@recmanager.co.uk</a>.

#### **DCC JWS Certificate**

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Any party that receives a message directly from CSS and needs to validate its authenticity will need a copy of the latest CSS JWS (Public) Production signing certificate. The CSS JWS (Public) Production Certificate will expire on 03 March 2024. The JWS Certificate is issued to digitally sign each message and validates that the message sender is authenticated and the message integrity. Each CSS User that receives messages from CSS will need to install the updated certificate to ensure messages can still be authenticated. This <a href="Portal page">Portal page</a> provides further details.

# R0147- Prepayment Levelisation - Supplier Information Required

The Levelisation Policy developed by Ofgem is being targeted for introduction via Licence Condition amendments to be effective from 01 April 2024. RECCo will be responsible for the introduction and ongoing administration of the supporting Payment Method Levelisation (PML) Reconciliation via the Retail Energy Code.

REC Change Proposal R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation was raised to progress the necessary changes to the REC, setting out how PML Reconciliation will operate and the obligations on RECCo and Domestic Suppliers. The Change Proposal is targeted for implementation on **28 March 2024**.

#### Suppliers

To find out more about Levelisation, including recordings of Stakeholder Events held in November, you can access the page on the RECCo website here.

In readiness for the Change Proposal R0147 being approved, and the Levelisation Policy being implemented, the Code Manager has emailed all Energy Supplier Contract Managers this week. We have asked for the following:

- Completion of a Levelisation Readiness survey, which can be found <u>here</u>, by 02 February 2024
- A contact and bank details form to be sent to <a href="mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk">enquiries@recmanager.co.uk</a> by 09 February 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the  $\underline{\mathsf{REC}\ \mathsf{Service}\ \mathsf{Desk}}$  or your Operational Account Manager.

#### **REC Committees**

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Within the past week, the Code Manager has published the below REC Committees documentation on the REC Portal.

- Meeting Notes have been published following the REC Issues Group on 12 January 2024.
- Draft Minutes have been published following the REC Change Panel on 16 January 2024.
- Agenda and Papers have been published ahead of the Performance Assurance Board on 30 January 2024.
- Agenda and Papers have been published ahead of the Technical Expert Panel on 31 January 2024.

The Code Manager is seeking nominations from Suppliers for the Supplier Member vacancy on the REC Metering Expert Panel. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else please complete the nomination form and send to <a href="mailto:committees@recmanager.co.uk">committees@recmanager.co.uk</a> by 17:00 on **05 February 2024**.

### **Contacting the Code Manager**

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